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"Over 80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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# From the Staff ...

Major Dale A. Schmidt  
Support Services Bureau



## Leadership

Leaders are called to stand  
In that lonely place  
Between the no longer and the not yet  
And intentionally make decisions  
That will bind, forge, move  
And create history.  
We are not called to be popular ...  
We are not called to follow ...  
We are the ones called to change attitudes.  
We are the ones called to gamble our lives  
For a better world.

*Mary Lou Anderson*

We often hear that leadership begins at the top. But, in fact, leadership is required at every level of any organization. If we fail to accept and implement our vision and mission, everyone is affected—our organization and the public we swore to serve.

We recently completed the troop meeting circuit. It is always good to visit with and hear from those who are the heartbeat of the Patrol. During each meeting, the colonel stressed our vision, mission, and core values. Our vision is the **what**—the picture of the future we all seek to create—and points the way the organization intends to go. The mission is the **why**—the answer to the question, “Why do we exist?”

To succeed in the mission and vision, our core beliefs are fundamentally vital. So much that if our organization is to meet the challenge of a changing world, it must be prepared to change everything about itself. Everything, that is, except those core beliefs.

If this is to be accomplished, it is the duty of every employee to exhibit leadership in their role, whatever that may be, so the vision is clearly seen, our mission completed, and the core values lived. It is through this type of leadership that we know the future of the Patrol is on solid ground.

As Mary Lou Anderson suggests, being a leader is not always “popular,” and leadership is sometimes a “lonely place.” However, it is through this shared leadership that the Patrol is able to “serve and protect” the citizens of the great state of Missouri.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale A. Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## Patrol's Fleet On Display At State Fair



*The Missouri State Fair is an opportunity for people to learn about the state, its resources, and services. The Missouri State Highway Patrol displays are part of the educational side of the fair. Pictured are several examples from the Patrol's fleet (l to r): a Dodge Charger, Ford Interceptor SUV, Ford Interceptor sedan, and a SAFE boat. This is the first year a SAFE boat was available for the public to view. This model is called the Defender, and is specifically designed to assist with our homeland security roles in the Kansas City and St. Louis port areas. The SAFE boat is an all-weather, all-capability boat designed to be used in dangerous conditions. This boat can provide assistance during a SWAT call out or in conjunction with the equipment of the dive team. The Patrol's fleet has become quite diversified, thus the display showed the public the types of vehicles they may see in their travels.*

## Cover

*Troop F's Color Guard stands tall and proud. They are (l to r) Tpr. Brandon W. Adamson, Cpl. Bruce A. McLaughlin, Sgt. Jason J. Cluver, and Sgt. Bruce L. Reinkemeyer. (inset) Capt. David P. Perkins, Q/TND, salutes Col. Ron Replogle, Q/SO, at the beginning of the 95th Recruit Class graduation ceremony.*



# 2012 State Fair Detail: Outstanding Performance

*By Lt. Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A*

The Patrol's 2012 Missouri State Fair detail began on Wednesday, August 8, during one of the warmest summers on record. Nine of the 10 days leading up to the fair detail were recorded as having a daily temperature of 95 degrees or higher, with the highest daily temperature being recorded as 103 degrees. However, with a timely break in the weather, overall fair attendance was consistent with previous years. During the 10-day State Fair detail, the highest daily temperature recorded was 94 degrees. There were three days with highs in the 90s, six days with highs in the 80s, and two days with highs in the 70s.

The success of any detail is directly related to the quality of personnel who are assigned. Once again, members of the Patrol performed admirably and ensured the event was a safe and positive experience for participants. During this year's detail, I consistently received positive comments from Department of Agriculture personnel, Missouri State Fair personnel, and various Missouri State Fair com-

*Tpr. Brian P. O'Sullivan, Troop D, and Tpr. Amye D. Johnson, Troop G, patrol the fairgrounds.*



*Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A, waits for this young fella to answer Otto-The Talking Car's question.*

missioners describing Patrol personnel as being professional, personable, and very approachable. I believe fair attendees were left with a positive impression of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It's important to make note of the fact that many of the detail members were at the State Fair for the first time.

This year, the Patrol featured three new fully-equipped patrol vehicles and a new SAFE boat in a static display at the fair. The patrol vehicles included a 2012 Dodge Charger, 2013 Ford Police Interceptor, and a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Utility. The display resulted in many favorable comments by those in attendance, and opened a dialogue between Patrol personnel and potential future Patrol applicants.

The performance of our officers during the 2012 Missouri State Fair detail was once again outstanding. They should be commended for their positive attitudes, enthusiasm, and the professional demeanor they demonstrated during this sometimes challenging detail. The members and support personnel proved to be outstanding representatives of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.



*The Patrol's 2012 Missouri State Fair detail included 79 members and nine support personnel from around the state. In addition, Patrol recruiters and members of the Rural Crimes Task Force dropped in to speak with the public.*



# Troopers, Cardinals Record Seat Belt PSAs

**By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C**

If you live in Missouri—whether you like baseball or not—you are likely to be a Cardinals' fan. So, when the Patrol looked for new ways to get the message out about seat belt safety, it stood to reason that teaming up with the redbirds through a series of public service announcements (PSAs) would be a good way to make sure people heard the message.

The Cardinals promotions team was eager to join the Missouri State Highway Patrol and encourage people to wear safety belts, especially after they heard the staggering statistics: This year alone, 64 percent of people who lost their lives in traffic crashes across the state did not have their seat belts on.

A camera crew filmed the PSAs at Busch Stadium. Cardinals players Matt Carpenter, Jon Jay, Joe Kelly, Shelby Miller, and Jason Motte stood alongside Sgt. Amy E. Reynolds, Tpr. Juston R. Wheatley, Tpr. Derek A. Mason, and myself, all Troop C. Together, we hope to drive home the serious slogan



*Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C, and Cardinals Pitcher Joe Kelly worked together on one of the recordings.*

that while it only takes three seconds to buckle up—dead is forever. The message essentially reminds people that everyone can be a hero if they just choose to make the right decision.

The baseball players appeared sincere in their efforts to want to bring

about a change, and pitcher Jason Motte helped keep the mood light during the taping session.

The PSAs have been posted on the Patrol's Web site. They can be accessed by clicking on the video library link on the home page.

*Video Prod. Spec. II Jeffrey K. Bassinson (behind cameras), Q/TND, signals Tpr. Juston R. Wheatley, Troop C, and Pitcher Shelby Miller that tape is about to roll. Video Prod. Spec. I Darin Garnett, Q/TND, operates the second camera.*

## Purple Brings Awareness To Alzheimer's

**By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D**

Did you know September 21, 2012, was National Alzheimer's Awareness Day? According to the Alzheimer's Association Web site [alz.org], 5.4 million Americans live with this disease, and one in eight older American's have Alzheimer's. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and the only cause of death among the top 10 in the U.S. that cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed.

To recognize National Alzheimer's Awareness Day, Lab. Evid. Tech. I Karlena R. Courtney, Q/CLD and assigned to the Springfield laboratory, asked people wear purple. Lab. Evid. Tech. I Courtney serves as a member

of the planning committee for the Springfield Walk to End Alzheimer's planning committee. Several of Troop

D's clerical personnel participated by wearing purple and handing out Alzheimer awareness stickers. Oh, and the purple cupcakes tasted pretty good, too.



*Representatives of the Southwest Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association—(l to r) Char, Rob, and Don—brought purple cupcakes to Troop D Headquarters to mark National Alzheimer's Awareness Day. Clerk Typist III Anita M. Douglas (center), Troop D, is holding the cupcakes.*

# Troop E Recognizes Willbanks, Fowler

**By Tpr. Clark D. Parrott, Troop E**

On September 10, 2012, Captain George E. Ridens, Troop E, presented an Honorary Trooper award to Ms. Mary E. "Etta" Willbanks, of Koshkonong, MO, and a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Joshua D. Fowler, of Doniphan, MO. The ceremony took place at the Doniphan, MO, Police Department. The recognition was a way to recognize them for their bravery while assisting members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol following a traffic crash.

The original incident took place on April 13, 2012. That day, Trooper Blaine M. Loring and Trooper Shayne K. Talburt, both Troop E, investigated a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 160 in Ripley County. Upon their arrival, they learned both vehicles had caught fire and burned as a result of the traffic crash. Shortly after the crash occurred, Ms. Willbanks discovered the crash scene and heard a man yelling for help. The man, a driver in one of the crashed vehicles, was unable to get out of his vehicle because of life threatening injuries. Mr. Josh Fowler arrived shortly after, and he



*(l to r) Mr. Joshua D. Fowler accepted a Certificate of Appreciation, and Ms. Etta Willbanks, accepted an Honorary Trooper award for saving the life of Mr. Benjamin Tanner after a traffic crash. Capt. George Ridens (r) presented the awards.*

and Ms. Willbanks began trying to remove the driver from the burning vehicle. After trying several times, their efforts proved unsuccessful. Mr. Fowler ran from the vehicle to get help. Ms. Willbanks grabbed the man's hand, and was eventually able to remove him from the burning vehicle. Corporal Jeffery D. Johnson, Q/DDCC, arrived after the man was out of the vehicle and helped move him to safety. At this point, the vehicle became engulfed in flames. Cpl. Johnson informed Tpr. Loring and Tpr. Talburt of Ms. Willbanks' and Mr. Fowler's bravery. Ms.

Willbanks, Mr. Fowler, and Cpl. Johnson's actions that night undoubtedly saved the life of the driver, Mr. Benjamin Tanner.

At the ceremony, Mr. Tanner said, "They are amazing people and they are heroes."

"I am just glad he is alive," said Ms. Willbanks.

"The actions of Ms. Willbanks and Mr. Fowler were exemplary," said Capt. Ridens. "Both of them upheld the motto of the Missouri State Highway Patrol of service and protection."

## View Your Medical Explanation Of Benefits Online!

**By Senior Benefits Spec. Michelle Schlup, MoDOT**

The information you need is at your fingertips!

Make the most of your health and benefits by accessing My Online Services (MOS). MOS is Coventry Health Care's secure member portal that gives you access to find, use, and control your personal health information. For example, each time a claim is processed at Coventry, an explanation of benefits (EOB) is created. EOBs are mailed to your home only when a claim is processed and

you owe a portion of the claim (member responsibility). Coventry mails the EOBs twice a month.

For those claims with no member responsibility, an EOB will not be mailed to your home; however, Coventry makes it easy for you to access them online. Viewing your EOBs online will allow you the convenience of viewing not only the EOBs that you receive by mail with member responsibility, but the remaining EOBs where member responsibility does not

apply. Plus, you can even sign up to receive e-mail notifications each time a new EOB is available. Just visit the MoDOT/MSHP Web site at [modot-mshp-cvty.com](http://modot-mshp-cvty.com) and select "Login or Register Now" from the My Online Services box on the right-hand side of the page.

You can also request a copy of an EOB by calling the Coventry Customer Service Organization at 800-627-6406.



# New Employees



Stacia A. Boyum  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/MVI



Matthew L. Dennis  
DE I  
Troop C



Henry B. Jayaweera  
DE I  
Troop C



Larry M. Rader Jr.  
MVI II  
Troop C



Naykia M. Spencer  
DE I  
Troop C



Katherine M. Vineyard  
DE I  
Troop C

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date Dec. 31, 2012	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2010 Traffic Fatalities	2011 Traffic Fatalities
829	786	+43	821	786

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

## December

- December 3 • Tpr. F.L. Walker died in 1941.
- December 7 • Tpr. V.O. Dosing died in 1941
- December 12 • Tpr. R.S. Creach died in 1943.
- December 25 • Cpl. D.E. Engelhard died in 2009.
- December 25 • Christmas Day

# Anniversaries

## December

### 25 years

CIT III Christopher M. Durham,  
Q/ICTD  
Section Chief Shannon L. McGowan, Q/ICTD  
Division Director Larry G. Rains,  
Q/MED

### 20 years

Chief CVO Randy G. Cobb,  
Troop E  
Info. Analyst Sprv. Karen L. Lute,  
Q/DDCC

### 15 years

CVO II Matthew C. Hodges,  
Troop E  
Info. Analyst II Terry L. Mears,  
Q/DDCC  
Tech. III Rebecca L. Salmons,  
Q/CLD

### 10 years

CIT Sprv. I Nicole D Bax,  
Q/ICTD  
MVI III W. Wayne Friend,  
Troop E

### 5 years

Tpr. Charles A. Bowles Jr.,  
Troop C  
Tpr. Stephen M. Burgun,  
Troop F  
Tpr. Matthew B. Foster, Troop E  
Tpr. Robert M. Malone III,  
Troop F  
Tpr. Johnathan R. Roberts,  
Troop G  
DE III Steven M. Tatum, Troop C  
Tpr. Jonathan T. Wilson, Troop E  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II F.  
Keith Mathis, Troop I  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Shawn  
J. Welschmeyer, Q/TND

## January

### 30 years

Lt. Sidney W. Conklin, Q/DDCC  
Lt. Brian T. Deshler, Troop A  
Sgt. Charles W. Easley, Q/GD  
Sgt. Martin K. Elmore, Troop G  
Sgt. Roger D. Hillhouse,  
Troop G

Capt. J. Timothy Hull, Q/PIED  
Sgt. Kevin W. Hyatt, Troop B  
Sgt. David C. Martin, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Rocky L. Seiner, Troop B  
Sgt. Eric K. Volkmer, Troop I  
Sgt. James L. Wingo, Q/DDCC

### 25 years

Sgt. Alan W. Barborek, Troop F  
Tpr. Brett A. Forsythe, Troop F  
Cpl. Terry A. Richardson, Troop G  
Capt. Robert E. Searcy, Troop I

### 20 years

Sgt. Nathan C. Ahern, Troop A  
Lab. Evid. Tech. II Carolyn S.  
Cashion, Q/CLD  
Sgt. Christopher L. Cerroni,  
Troop B  
Section Chief J. Corey Chaney,  
Q/ICTD  
Sgt. Kristin D. Coulson, Q/HRD  
Capt. Sarah L. Eberhard,  
Q/DDCC  
Capt. David A. Flannigan, Q/HRD  
Sgt. Douglas J. Hedrick, Troop A  
Sgt. Travis W. Hitchcock,  
Q/DDCC

Crim. Sprv. Brian K. Hoey,  
Q/CLD  
Tpr. A. Keith Howery, Q/GD  
Sgt. Jeffrey B. Johnson, Troop D  
Lt. Brian E. Jones, Troop D  
Sgt. Douglas P. Little, Troop H  
DE Sprv. Randy S. Markham,  
Troop E  
Cpl. Jeffrey L. McCullough, Troop E  
MVI III Charles G. McMillan,  
Troop D  
Sgt. Kevin B. Miller, Troop C  
Sgt. Michael A. Mitchell, Troop I  
Sgt. Philip W. Morrison, Q/GD  
Sgt. Darren P. Mueller, Q/GD  
Sgt. Craig N. Ponder, Troop G  
Sgt. Scott E. Rawson, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. K. Dean Walters, Troop D  
Cpl. Kelley S. Young, Q/GD  
Sgt. Todd A. Zacher, Troop D

### 15 years

DE Chief Brian K. Miller, Troop D

### 10 years

DE III Patricia A. Boyer, Troop C  
Trainer/Auditor I D. Scott Cline,  
Q/CJISD  
DE III John R. Gross, Troop C  
DE III Mary A. Hollmann,  
Troop C  
MVI III James E. White II,  
Troop A

### 5 years

Tpr. Mark D. Albright, Q/GD  
Tpr. Bryan M. Beard, Troop C  
Tpr. Shawn A. Brazas, Troop F  
Tpr. James T. Casper, Q/GD  
Tpr. Jason W. Conklin, Troop G  
Tpr. James E. Conway, Troop I  
Tpr. Aaron S. Craig, Troop A  
Tpr. Bradley L. Crockett,  
Troop D  
Tpr. Jamey R. Diffie, Troop C  
Tpr. Chad M. Dollard, Troop B  
Tpr. Robert P. Dudeck, Troop H  
Tpr. Joseph D. Flynn, Troop C  
Tpr. Mary K. Forler, Troop C  
Info. Analyst II Michelle L. Frey,  
Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Matthew A. Goodson,  
Troop I  
Tpr. Nicholas J. Greiner, Troop H  
Tpr. Christopher D. Hamlett,  
Q/GD  
Tpr. Zachary A. Harrison, Q/GD  
Tpr. Amye D. Johnson, Troop G  
Tpr. Grant T. Johnson, Troop F  
Tpr. David J. Kline, Troop A  
Tpr. Bryan W. Long, Troop C  
Tpr. Jason P. Millsap, Troop A  
Tpr. Larry K. Nelson, Q/GSD  
Tpr. Tabitha D. Nichols, Troop B  
Tpr. Levi E. Rawson, Troop D  
Tpr. Douglas W. Scotten,  
Troop D  
Tpr. Bryan S. Silverthorn,  
Troop I  
Tpr. Steven M. Spain, Troop E  
Tpr. Shayne K. Talburt, Troop E  
Tpr. Travis D. Templemire,  
Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Larry A. Turner, Troop C  
Tpr. Brock A. Vogt, Q/GSD



# National Troopers Coalition Gives Gift To Guthrie Family

*By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

On September 6-7, 2012, Sergeant James L. Musche, Q/DDCC, Sergeant Michael W. Watson, Troop D, Sergeant Michael K. Frazier, Troop D, and Sergeant Matthew K. Funderburk, Troop D, had the honor of representing the Missouri State Troopers Association (MOSTA) at the annual National Troopers Coalition Conference held in New Orleans, LA. Shortly after the opening ceremonies, Dennis Hallion, the executive director of the National Troopers Coalition and retired officer with the New Jersey State Police, contacted Sgt. Musche to present him with a \$1,000 check for the family of Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. (kod 2011). The funds resulted from a donation from Mr. Edward Walson, an honorary member of the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association. Mr. Walson donated \$20,000 to the



*Mrs. Teresa Guthrie (l) is pictured with Sgt. James L. Musche, Q/DDCC.*

National Troopers Coalition Charitable Foundation for line of duty deaths that occurred in 2011. Director Hallion asked Sgt. Musche to deliver the check to Mrs. Teresa Guthrie when he returned to Missouri.

On September 13, 2012, Sgt. Musche presented the check to Teresa. The National Troopers Coalition check represents a small portion of the love and support shown to the families of our members who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

## Too Cool: Driver Tries To Impress ... Fails

*By Sgt. Gary S. Horton, Troop D*

After midnight on October 6, 2012, Trooper Kyle Knight, Troop D, was sent to investigate a minor traffic crash. The crash occurred in a very small town in Barry County and involved a single vehicle and a tree. He responded on scene, and then began investigating in order to determine what every trooper wants to know: How and why did this happen?

Crash investigations sometimes reveal surprising facts. Tpr. Knight's investigation revealed that the vehicle had been traveling westbound on a city street when it traveled off the left side of the roadway and struck a tree. After obtaining some general crash information, the time had come to obtain the driver's statement. With pencil and notepad in hand, Tpr. Knight asked the driver what happened.

"I was going around the curve," responded the driver, "and I saw

somebody outside their house. I thought it would be cool to gun it, so I did. I hit the brakes in the curve, but I was going too fast and couldn't make it."

This driver tried to get a "cool" reputation by attempting to impress a small town resident in the middle of the night. But, the only thing he got was the tree in their front yard.

## Tpr. Joseph A. Veasman



**Appointed:** September 7, 2002.

**First Assignment:** Criminalist I, DNA Section, Crime Laboratory Division, General Headquarters.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:**  
Criminalist II — September 5, 2004; Trooper — May 29, 2005.

**Current Assignment:** Isle of Capri, Boonville, Gaming Division, General Headquarters.

**Family:** Tpr. Veasman has two daughters, Samantha, who is two years old, and Alexandra, who is one year old.

**Interests:** Tpr. Veasman enjoys working out, martial arts, reading, and playing video games.

"The majority of my time outside of work is spent with my two young daughters," said Tpr. Veasman. "I make time to go to the gym or to martial arts practice when I can. I am an avid reader and am typically in the middle of a book. I have two Boston terriers (Diesel and Titan) who also occupy some of my time. I began my Patrol career in the Crime Laboratory Division and later transferred to the road as a trooper [after Academy training]. I have now served in the Gaming Division for over two years and am thoroughly enjoying my current assignment. The variety of work and different career paths available within the Patrol has been very refreshing.

Not many people have the opportunity to change the type of work they do periodically while staying with the same organization."

## Criminalist III Kimberly D. Hardin



**Appointed:** August 23, 2003.

**First Assignment:** Criminalist I, Crime Laboratory Division, General Headquarters

**Promotions/Reclassifications:**  
Criminalist II — August 21, 2005;  
Criminalist III — August 19, 2007.

**Current Assignment:** Criminalist III, Latent Print Section, Crime Laboratory Division, General Headquarters. Kim is also a civilian recruiter.

**Family:** Kim has been married to her husband, Ronnie, for nine years. She has a stepdaughter, Candice, who is 21, a stepson, Kareem, who is 16, and two daughters. Gillian is six years old, and Kylie is two years old. Kim and Ronnie also have a granddaughter, Makiya, who is four.

**Interests:** Kim enjoys spending time with her family and traveling. They attend Oak Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Guthrie, MO.

Kim first joined the Patrol on June 2, 1997, as a laboratory evidence

technician. In 2000, she left the Patrol to complete her degree. She then returned to the agency as a criminalist.

"I grew up here in Jefferson City," said Kim. "I graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1988. I hold a bachelor's of science degree in chemistry with a minor in mathematics from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Prior to working for the Patrol, I was a student and supervisor/clerk at House of Bargains in Apache Flats. [Retired Security/Quality Control Administrator] Carla J. Doll worked there with me part time, and knew about my science background. She told me about the laboratory evidence technician position, and I have been part of the Patrol family ever since. Working for the Patrol has been a great experience and makes my recruiting job very easy! I process items of evidence for latent prints of value, perform comparisons with latent prints of value and tenprint/palmprint/footprint cards, and search unidentified latent finger and palmprint images through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). I enjoy talking to kids of all ages about the Crime Laboratory and our "real" responsibilities, which are unlike those on CSI!"

## MSHP

"Wherever I go, there are people who come up to me to tell me great stories about what the Patrol's employees are doing."

— Colonel Ron Replogle,  
while visiting with  
members of the  
1962 Recruit Class.





# Spotlight



## Tpr. Bruce E. Kerr



**Appointed:** January 1, 1981.

**First Assignment:** Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Inspector I, Troop E.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:**

Trooper — August 1, 1986; Corporal — August 1, 1999.

**Current Assignment:** Troop A, Zone 2, Platte County.

**Family:** Tpr. Kerr has two daughters, Kayla J. Kerr (24), and Tiara N.C. Kerr (17). He also has a brother named Melvin.

**Interests:** Tpr. Kerr enjoys running, bicycling, and playing the piano.

“I have worked for the Patrol for almost 32 years (including five and one-half years in commercial vehicle enforcement),” said Tpr. Kerr, “and I know I made a good career choice. If I had it to do all over again, I certainly would. Becoming a highway patrolman has been one of the toughest things I’ve ever done, but it has also been the most rewarding. One of the best things about this job has been the people I’ve met. I have had the pleasure of working with and for some of the best. Being a highway patrolman has cost me a lot, but the benefits have been greater. I am glad to have been a part of such a great organization, otherwise known as, ‘The Patrol.’”

## CVI II Joseph P. Curtright



**Appointed:** April 16, 2010.

**First/Current Assignment:** Commercial Vehicle Inspection I, Troop A, Scale House A-4, Harrisonville.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** CVI II —April 17, 2011.

**Family:** Joseph is married to his beautiful wife, Kathryn, who teaches music-related studies at Rich Hill High School. They have two smart, energetic, funny children, Sydney, who is seven, and Barrett, who is two. Sydney plays piano and dances tap and jazz. Barrett loves cars, trucks, and anything that makes noise. Barrett also has the ability to turn hair gray.

**Interests:** Joseph enjoys anything sports-related (football and baseball) and hunting. Joseph and Kathryn also enjoy running half-marathons when the kid’s schedules allow for training.

“I take great pride in working for the Patrol—the finest people with the best core values in the greatest state, Missouri,” said Joseph.

## Drought Brings Additional Challenges



Summer 2012 brought excessively high temperatures for a long duration. This fire, in Newton County, burned over 100 acres of pasture north of Diamond, MO. The source of the fire is under investigation. Multiple fire and law enforcement agencies, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Missouri Department of Transportation responded.

# Trooper Guthrie Honored During Interstate 29 Memorial Signing Ceremony



*Col. Ron Replogle (second from right) joins the Guthrie family and the other dignitaries at the dedication ceremony for a photo.*

**By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A**

A memorial highway dedication ceremony honoring Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr. took place on October 5, 2012, at the Platte County Resource Center. The "Trooper Fred F. Guthrie Jr. Memorial Highway" is a portion of Interstate 29 between Missouri Highway 273 (near Tracy, MO) and Missouri Route E (near Camden Point, MO). Tpr. Guthrie died in the line of duty August 1, 2011.

Tpr. Guthrie's family, Colonel Ron Replogle, Captain Robert L. Powell, Troop A, Missouri Department of Transportation Northwest District Engineer Don Wichern, and Kansas City District Assistant to the District Engineer Randy Hartman attended.

"It was an honor and privilege for me to have participated in the highway dedication ceremony for Trooper Fred F. Guthrie," said Col. Replogle. "It was certainly great to see Teresa, Amber, Dylan, Cody, and the rest of Fred's family. What a great family. I have many times marveled at Teresa's strength and love for her children over the last 15 months. Certainly, Fred and

Reed's memory and dedicated service will live on as the motoring public passes his signs on Interstate 29 in Platte County."

The memorial highway honors Tpr. Guthrie, who tragically lost his life after being swept away by swift moving flood waters. At the time, he was assigned to Missouri River flood duty and was working in the area of Big Lake on Missouri Highway 118 at Missouri Highway 111 in Holt County, MO. Tpr. Guthrie was the 30th member of the MSHP to lose his life in the

line of duty. His K-9 partner, Reed, also died in the line of duty that day.

House Bill 1807/Senate Bill 480 sponsored by Missouri State Representative Nick Marshall, District 30, established the Trooper Fred F. Guthrie Jr. Memorial Highway. Representative Marshall also attended and spoke at the ceremony.

"I would like to thank Representative Nick Marshall, the Missouri State Troopers Association, and MoDOT for getting the law passed and making the signs a reality," said Col. Replogle.

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"The merger seemed pretty overwhelming when we started," said Major Tommy E. Roam, Q/WPD. "I want to recognize the Information and Communications Technology Division for working tirelessly on two systems, the buoy system and regatta system, to make the merger complete. They worked hard on that, and I know they have other things to do."



# New Casino Unveiled In Cape Girardeau

By Sgt. Timothy J. Hourihan, Q/GD

The Isle of Capri Casinos, Incorporated, unveiled its new \$135 million casino, located in Cape Girardeau, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, when the property officially opened to the public, and after receipt of applicable regulatory approvals from the Missouri Gaming Commission. The casino features 1,000 slot machines, 28 table games, and five restaurants, including Farmers Pick Buffet, Farradays, Lone Wolf, Lone Wolf Express, and Keller's. The facility will include a 750-seat multi-purpose room. It is the 16<sup>th</sup> casino owned and operated by Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc., across the United States, and the 13<sup>th</sup> and final casino to be constructed in the state of Missouri. The Isle of Capri got more than 9,000 job applications and hired approximately 750 people to operate the casino and its five restaurants. The casino is next to the Mississippi River a few blocks north of the downtown area.



*This photo shows the inside of Missouri's newest casino, the Isle of Capri in Cape Girardeau.*

Cape Girardeau is approximately 120 miles south of St. Louis.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Gaming Division, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Gaming Commission, will provide criminal and regulatory enforcement of gaming operations at the casino. Captain Kevin A. Geiger, Q/GD, and Lieutenant Andy J. Ley, Q/GD, oversee a team of nine members from the

Gaming Division assigned to the casino. The team will provide 24-hour, 7-days a week coverage and consist of Sergeant Timothy J. Hourihan (officer-in-charge), Corporal W. Curt Fox (assistant officer-in-charge), Corporal Terry M. James (assistant officer-in-charge), Sergeant Darryl C. Suhr, Sergeant Timothy E. Crowe, Sergeant Reginald

M. Walker, Sergeant F. David Bierer, Trooper Jarrod S. Thomas, and Trooper Matthew B. LoMedico. Support staff assigned includes one clerical staff and one electronic gaming device specialist.

The Gaming Division office is located on the casino property at 777 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 63701. The Gaming Division Office telephone number is (573) 730-7700.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Kamryn LeAnn*

Mr. Keith M. & Comm. Oper. II  
Melissa A. Swinford  
Troop H

### *Lena Claire*

Auto. Tech. III Adam J. & Mrs.  
Elizabeth M. Feltrop  
Q/MED

### *Gabriella Mae*

Tpr. Bradley E. & Mrs. Emiley A.  
Maudlin  
Troop H

### *Ava Kristine*

### *Ella Jean*

Tpr. Rickey I. II & Mrs. Amanda  
McQuerrey  
Troop A

### *Kaiker Blaine*

Tpr. Matthew A. & Mrs. Sammie J.  
Goodson  
Troop I

### *Oliver Benjamin*

Tpr. David A. & Mrs. Regina A. Close  
Troop C

### *Abigail Jean*

MVI III Dwight L. & Mrs. Angela D.  
Christian  
Troop F

### *Chase Joseph*

Tpr. Daniel J. & Mrs. Tiffany M.  
Arsenault  
Troop C

### *Rylie Eileen*

Cpl. Christopher R. & Mrs. Katherine  
E. Blackmon  
Troop A

### *Lucas Blake Harlan*

Tpr. Matthew B. & Mrs. Miranda  
J. Foster  
Troop E

### *Quade Steven*

Tpr. Eric F. & Mrs. Annavee N.  
Brown  
Troop B

### *Jackson Tucker*

Mr. Ryan J. & Accountant II  
Courtney M. Borman  
Q/BPD

### *Leah Mae*

Cpl. Casey E. & Mrs. Nicole M.  
Utterback  
Troop A

# Promotions



Sarah L. Eberhard  
Captain  
Q/DDCC



Julie A. Kerr  
Lieutenant  
Q/HRD



Michael L. Mobley  
Sergeant  
Troop I



Kyle A. Green  
Corporal  
Troop F



Steven B. Johnson  
Corporal  
Troop F



J. Clayton Marlin  
Corporal  
Troop I



Derrick R. Powell  
Corporal  
Troop F



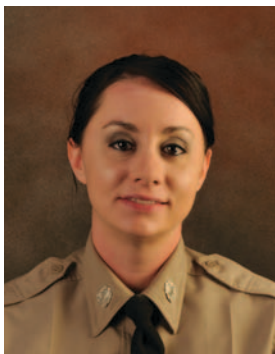
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Troop E



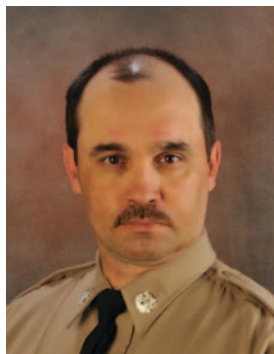
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Q/CLD



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Troop I



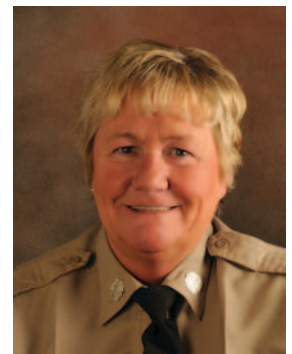
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CVE Inspector II  
Troop E



Shannon P. Delap  
Clerk Typist II  
Q/CJISD



Chelse Y. Dowell  
CIT II  
Q/ICTD



Renee S. Gentry  
DE III  
Troop E



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Richard L. Hargrove  
MVI II  
Troop F



Sydney V. Kendrick  
Clerk Typist II  
Q/WPD



Sherry T. Lewis  
Pers. Rec. Clerk III  
Q/HRD



Jessica K. Mayhew  
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv.  
Q/CJISD



Mark D. Middleton  
CVE Insp. III  
Troop E



Karri L. Mitchell  
DE III  
Troop A



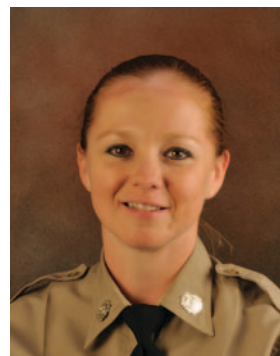
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Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



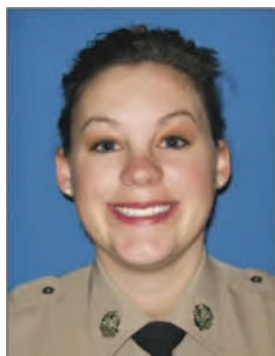
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DE II  
Troop E



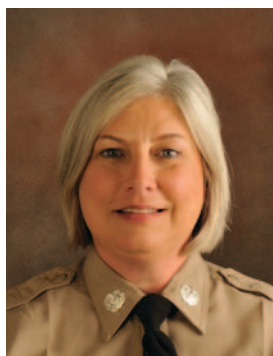
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CVE Insp. III  
Troop E



Christina M. Royster  
DE III  
Troop A



Jordan L. Stallcup  
DE II  
Troop D



Marilyn J. Thompson  
DE Sprv.  
Troop E



Garry L. Umphry  
CVE Insp. III  
Troop H



# 95th Recruit Class Graduates

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

A cool, light breeze and gurgling from the fountains framed the graduation ceremony of the 95th Recruit Class on the south lawn of Missouri's Capitol. Friends, family, and co-workers gathered for this momentous event. Rev. Thomas G. Schwarz, Central Assembly of God in Wauregan, CT, gave the invocation and benediction. During the invocation, Rev. Schwarz gave praise for the beautiful day and asked God to shine his grace upon them and minister both to and through the new troopers, which included his son. Troop F Color Guard presented and retired the colors with respect and pride. The strong, even cadence of Troop D's Cpl. John H. Lueckenhoff's voice washed over the crowd when he sang the national anthem.

The day's keynote speaker came from the Springfield Police Department. Chief Paul F. Williams described troopers as modern day knights. Although the manner of dress (armor vs. uniform) and mode of transportation (horse vs. vehicle) is different, there are similarities. Troopers take an oath and live by specific values, just as the knights of old took vows and followed a code of chivalry. Chief Williams told the new troopers that their hat and badge are a public display of their acceptance of the authority with which they have



◀ *Class Commander and new Trooper Jonathan M. Heimsoth spoke to his fellow classmates at graduation.*



▲ *Tpr. Derek T. Shikles accepts his diploma from his father, Sgt. Roger D. Shikles, Troop F.*

been entrusted. He encouraged them to remember and reflect upon their oath each time they donned the uniform.

The Honorable Richard B. Teitelman, Missouri Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs at Mineral Area College, conferred associate's degrees to seven of the new troopers. The colonel presented four awards during the graduation ceremony. Trooper Brock A. Teague accepted the Physical Fitness Award. Trooper Travis L. Pe-



◀ *Tpr. David L. Fouch (l) accepted the Superintendent's Award from Col. Ron Replogle.*

ters accepted the Firearms Award. Trooper David L.

Fouch accepted the Academic Award. The Superintendent's Award for overall achievement was presented to Trooper David L. Fouch.

When Col. Replogle addressed the new troopers, he congratulated them.

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*The 95th Recruit Class graduated on September 21, 2012. The new troopers reported to their first assignments on October 9, 2012.*



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He told the class he expected them to honor the Patrol's core values, and shared Charles Swindoll's thoughts on attitude.

"God bless you and keep you safe throughout your career," said Col. Replogle.

The 95th Recruit Class' class commander, Trooper Jonathan M. Heimsoth, spoke at the ceremony. He acknowledged the "physically and mentally engaging" training they had received saying it was, "sometimes monotonous and maybe a little fun." Tpr. Heimsoth thanked everyone for their support and told those present that the class looked out for and supported one another, "like one big, dysfunctional family ... and I mean that in the nicest way."

After the class' guideon was officially retired, Rev. Schwarz gave the benediction. The class then marched around the stairs of the Capitol into the tunnel to a variety of cadences. After signing their Oath of Office, the new troopers took a few moments to shake hands with the Academy's instructors and congratulate one another.

"The Academy did a very good job of training us," said Trooper Derek T. Shikles. Tpr. Shikles also spoke highly of his classmates and then said, "Having my dad (Sgt. Roger D. Shikles, Troop F) hand me my diploma is something



Listed below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 95th Recruit Class:

Name	Hometown	Troop Assignment
*Daniel J. Arsenault	Oakville, MO	Troop C, St. Louis County
Trent A. Baxter	Palmyra, MO	Troop A, Lafayette County
Andrew M. Beckwith	Cameron, MO	Troop A, Carroll/Ray Counties
Justin K. Brooks	Bloomfield, MO	Troop E, Stoddard County
Jeffery S. Cunningham	Willow Springs, MO	Troop I, Pulaski/Maries Counties
Zachary A. Czerniewski	Montgomery City, MO	Troop F, Cooper/Howard Counties
*Thomas D. Deason	St. Clair, MO	Troop C, Franklin County
Marylyn A. Dickens	Campbell, MO	Troop F, Montgomery County
*Jake A. Duvall	Holden, MO	Troop A, Saline County
Timothy C. Fick	Westphalia, MO	Troop F, Miller/Camden Counties
David L. Fouch	Kirkville, MO	Troop F, Callaway County
Christopher M. Fowler	Moberly, MO	Troop A, Cass County
*David L. Gipson	Huntsville, MO	Troop B, Macon/Shelby Counties
Bryan J. Hamerle	Liberty, MO	Troop A, Bates County
*Jonathan M. Heimsoth	Sedalia, MO	Troop G, Southern Howell/Oregon Counties
Jeffrey A. Ice	Mountain Grove, MO	Troop I, Laclede County
*Louis B. Lairmore II	Springfield, MO	Troop C, St. Charles County
Jeremy W. Miller	Leeton, MO	Troop A, Johnson County
Travis L. Peters	Bourbon, MO	Troop C, St. Louis County
Kellen D. Rapier	Rolla, MO	Troop I, Phelps/Maries Counties
Caleb T. Schwarz	Moosup, CT	Troop A, Cass County
*Derek T. Shikles	Taos, MO	Troop C, Warren County
Brock A. Teague	Vandalia, MO	Troop C, St. Louis County
Colby W. Tierney	Sullivan, MO	Troop I, Crawford County
Joshua E. Williams	St. Peters, MO	Troop C, Jefferson County
Charles M. Wright	Maysville, MO	Troop H, Andrew/Buchanan Counties

\* Earned an associate's degree from Mineral Area College.

# Troopers In SEC States Create PSA

**By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED**

Mizzou's move to the Southeast Conference brought new competitors and new safety concerns. Fans following the team have longer distances to travel to away games, which could increase their chances of being in a traffic crash. Deciding this was a good opportunity to remind everyone to be a safe driver, the Missouri State Highway Patrol released a new public service announcement in September.

Captain J. Timothy Hull, Q/PIED, pitched the idea of a public service announcement using the Southeastern Conference angle while attending a Missouri Coalition For Roadway Safety's Public Information Subcommittee meeting last May. The timing was impeccable. The next month, public information and education officers from around the country would attend the annual Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop in Mississippi. This would present the opportunity needed to film officers from the other SEC states.

Thus, Lieutenant John J. Hotz, Q/PIED, met with the Director of Communications Warren Strain, Mississippi Department of Public Safety, to arrange filming each officer's part of the public service announcement.



*Mississippi Tpr. Ray Hall tells viewers that no matter where they travel, the rules are the same.*

"This PSA is a way to use the excitement of the move to the SEC to focus on safety," said Lt. Hotz. "No matter where you're driving, it's important to buckle up, watch your speed, pay attention, and to drive sober."

The troopers from the other SEC states were very supportive and accepted the invitation to be part of the message. Most of the PSA was filmed

during the conference off U.S. Highway 90 on the beach adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico. State law enforcement agencies from Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee were able to record their message during USEOW. Lt. Hotz and Capt. Hull added their messages after returning to Missouri; Georgia submitted its part of the PSA after the conference. Unfortunately, not all of the SEC states were represented at USEOW, so the South Carolina, Louisiana, and Florida state troopers are not seen in the PSA.

The recorded segments were sent to MoDOT's AV Section, so they could be compiled into a 15-second and 30-second PSA. It can be viewed on the Missouri State Highway Patrol Web site [[www.mshp.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov)]. On the right side of the page, halfway down, click on the words "video library". The PSA, which begins with footage from a MIZZOU football game, is being shown before home games at the 'ZOU. It is available to all SEC football programs.

## Quilted Bears Bring Comfort, Peace

**By Sgt. Douglas J. Hedrick, Troop A**

During a coffee break at the local Country Cookin' Cafe in Platte City, MO, Trooper Bruce E. Kerr, Troop A, and I were approached by Shirley Kempsey, a local resident of Platte City. Shirley told us about her friend, Judy Brown, who has a passion for making teddy bears from unwanted quilts. When we spoke to Ms. Brown, she said she had several bears without homes and wondered if the Missouri State Highway Patrol could use them to help others. Ms. Brown is very talented, and has created lovable teddy bears from quilts of all sizes, shapes, and colors. Tpr. Kerr and I told Ms. Brown that the local troopers could give the bears to children who were involved in traumatic incidents. Within a few days, Ms. Brown's "quilted bears of love" arrived along with hope of bringing comfort and peace to a young child.



*Ms. Judy Brown, a Platte City, MO, resident, displays a few of her quilted teddy bears.*



# Tpr. James C. Cooksey Jr. Accepts Missouri Medal Of Valor

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

At a ceremony on October 11, 2012, Governor Jay Nixon recognized seven of Missouri's public safety officers by presenting each of them with a Missouri Medal of Valor. Among the recipients was Trooper James C. Cooksey Jr., Troop E.

Tpr. Cooksey accepted the award during the ceremony in the governor's office. The recognition came as a result of his actions on June 21, 2011, after responding to a single vehicle traffic crash on Missouri Route P in St. John's Bayou in New Madrid County. Troopers respond to crashes every day. But, this crash was unusual. A sport utility vehicle had traveled off the right side of the roadway into a flooded drainage ditch. Submerged to its luggage rack, the vehicle traveled downstream in the swift water.

Prior to Tpr. Cooksey's arrival, two civilians at the scene swam to the vehicle in an effort to rescue the driver. Due to weeks of record flooding, there was an abundance of trees, root wads, and debris in the swift moving, murky, deep water. Trooper Christopher D. Hamlett, Q/GD (Troop E at the time of the incident), also arrived at the scene. Tpr. Cooksey removed his duty belt ... and entered the water. He swam to the vehicle and assisted the civilians in removing the driver. He then swam with the driver to Tpr. Hamlett, who was positioned halfway between the vehicle and the shore. Tpr. Hamlett and a third civilian pulled the driver back to shore and onto the bank. The two troopers performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until an ambulance arrived. Sadly, the driver did not survive.

Meanwhile, at the Cooksey home, his wife, Heather, waited for him to arrive. His shift had ended two hours previously with no word. "When he didn't come home on time," she said, "I began watching the news, thinking they would report on anything involving a trooper."



*Tpr. James C. Cooksey Jr., Troop E, holds his Missouri Medal of Valor. His wife, Heather, stands beside him.*

She heard there was a traffic crash involving a submerged vehicle. So, she naturally tried to call her husband. When she wasn't able to contact him, she called a friend at the New Madrid Sheriff's Department. They confirmed that her husband and Tpr. Hamlett were indeed handling the crash. Heather said she remembers meeting her husband at the door to offer support, since she knew the driver had

not survived. She also worried that his equipment would be water logged and helped him retrieve his things from the patrol car.

When asked what her husband said about the incident, Heather said he gave her a synopsis, and then, "He said we had to buy some more socks. He lost one in the river." That simple statement told Heather how dangerous the current had been.

The medal presentation on October 11, was much less stressful.

Tpr. Cooksey stood with six other officers and a photo of the eighth recipient. The portrait was of St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Officer Daryl A. Hall, the first to receive a Missouri Medal of Valor posthumously.

"These eight brave officers, each of whom faced dangerous and threatening circumstances, acted without regard for their own safety and instead focused solely on protecting the public by responding swiftly and heroically," Gov. Nixon said during the medal ceremony.

"It's awesome to say that my first time inside the Capitol was for a ceremony where the governor honored my husband! I can't begin to describe the overwhelming sense of pride and respect I have for Jim," said Heather.

"The actions of Tpr. Cooksey were exemplary," said Captain George E. Ridens, Troop E. "He placed himself in considerable danger when a situation demanded immediate action. His actions extended far above and beyond the call of duty and upheld the motto of the Missouri State Highway Patrol of service and protection. All the employees of Troop E and I are extremely proud of this honor for Tpr. Cooksey."

# NASBLA Provides Officer In-Water Survival Training

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Consider this scenario: As a member assigned to marine operations, you're patrolling on the Lake of the Ozarks. One evening, you come upon a 28-foot Scarab that is not displaying proper navigational lights. When you stop to investigate, it becomes apparent that the operator may be intoxicated. You place the subject into your boat to administer the field sobriety tests. During the testing, the operator becomes combative and you both end up in the water. What happens next?

At this year's National Association of State Boating Laws Administrators conference in Mobile, AL, an "Officer In-Water Survival Training" course focused on scenarios like this one. Major Thomas E. Roam, Q/WPD, experienced this training during one of the days of the conference. This class is designed to teach officers how to deal with sudden immersion in the water while in full uniform.

"It was excellent training," said Major Roam. "You learn that you can survive the situation." Officers experi-

enced the training in uniform including boots and wearing a fully equipped duty belt. (A weighted "gun" replaced their official firearm, of course.)

"Although officers have Type III personal floatation devices, which provides 15.5 pounds of floatation, an officer's duty belt and body armor weigh more," explained Major Roam. "This doesn't take into account boots and other clothing or the officer's body weight."

Major Roam said the training was challenging. (He successfully completed the training.) The conference proved both informative and enjoyable, and served as a way to network with other marine law enforcement agencies. As boating law administrator for the Patrol, Major Roam also attended meetings related to his responsibilities in that capacity.

"It was a learning experience for me," said Captain Juan O. Villanueva, Troop D. "We found out how other agencies do things and what equipment they use. Seeing that, I was impressed with how our agency handles

marine operations since the merger. It appears we are doing very well. We also had good training on death notifications and using GPS equipment to follow up on investigations."

This year's NASBLA conference took place in Mobile, AL. Captains J. Timothy Hull, Q/PIED, Gregory D. Kindle, Troop F, and Mark E. Richerson, Q/FOB, also attended the conference, and took part in the various workshops offered.

So, back to our scenario: What happened to you and the combative operator? Your officer in-water survival training kicked in, and you separated yourself from the operator. If necessary, you drew your weapon to protect yourself. You might have had to save the operator's life. But, you handled the situation correctly. You were prepared because of your training. Oh, and the operator was cited for improper navigational lights and arrested for operation of a vessel while intoxicated and assault of a law enforcement officer.

## MADD Recognizes Tpr. Peart

*By Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I*

On November 8, 2012, Mothers Against Drunk Driving recognized Trooper Joseph T. Peart, Troop I, for the 55 DWI arrests he made during 2011. The recognition came during MADD's "Heroes for Heroes" annual awards banquet held at Westport Plaza in St. Louis. Tpr. Peart who is assigned to Zone 9, Crawford County, led all Troop I officers in removing impaired drivers from the highways last year. Pictured with Tpr. Peart are the Troop I officers who accompanied him at the banquet. They are (l to r) Sergeant Michael A. Mitchell, Sergeant Justin L. McCullough, Tpr. Peart, Captain Lee Ann H. Kenley, and Lieutenant James W. Remillard.





# How Green Is The MSHP?

*By State Recycling Coordinator Rob Didriksen  
Missouri State Recycling Program, Office of Administration*

**Answer:** Very! The Missouri State Highway Patrol has a long track record with reducing waste and recycling. The success of recycling is a direct result of strong leadership from all levels of the organization. In 2006, the Patrol was honored for their recycling achievements as the recipient of the State Recycling Program's annual award. Since that time, the Patrol has continued to expand the types of materials recycled and work toward custom recycling solutions that not only demonstrate the Patrol's stewardship of our environment, but also stewardship of the taxpayer's dollar.



*Clerk II Todd C. Feeler, Q/BPD, dumps spent ammunition casings collected at the Patrol's indoor ranges into a holding container, so they can be recycled.*

Material	Recycling Solution
Paper	Sold as scrap
Cardboard	Kingdom Projects (a sheltered workshop employing people with disabilities)
Plastic Bottles	Kingdom Projects
Metal	Sold as scrap
Printer Cartridges	Sold to be remanufactured
Rechargeable Batteries	Recovered through national product stewardship service
Motor Oil	Used as a fuel to heat troop garages
Signs	Recycled or refurbished by MoDOT
Spent Ammunition	Recycled and proceeds used to purchase new ammunition
Pallets	Reused, refurbished, or recycled
Cooking Oil	Recycled
Leftover Food	Donated to Salvation Army
Wood Desks	Refurbished by Missouri Vocational Enterprises



*Supply Mgr. II Christopher L. Terry, Q/BPD, empties empty tin cans from the Academy kitchen into the Patrol's recycling dumpster.*

I want to commend the Highway Patrol for the breadth, depth, and quality of its recycling programs. The Patrol was nominated for the FY12 Recycling Award. Although the agency did not win the award this year, I think you are doing top-notch work with recycling.

"In addition to their regular duties, Patrol employees are very engaged in recycling efforts," said Captain Paul E. Kennedy, Q/BPD. "This is not only good for the environment, but serves to help those in need and generates much needed revenue."

# 1962 RECRUIT CLASS MEETS 95TH

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY BRINGS TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

*Fifty years ago ...* It was 1962, the year audio cassettes were invented, Beverly Hillbillies was the #1 television show, and John F. Kennedy was president. The average cost of a new house was \$12,500, and one gallon of gasoline cost 28 cents.

Also in 1962, an important event took place within the Missouri State Highway Patrol: The 25th Recruit Class attended 10 weeks of training in Rolla. Forty men were invited to be part of the class, two declined, and one left during the first day of training. The other 37 men graduated. They ranged in age from 21 to almost 33 years old.

Interestingly enough, none of the members of the current recruit class (95th) were alive. However, on September 11, 2012, the two groups met. The 25th Recruit Class was enjoying its 50th anniversary of graduating from the Academy. Each year, this group meets somewhere in Missouri to catch up and reminiscence. Their reunions have "hosts," who scout out activities or places to eat. This year, retired Sgt. William H. and Mrs. Marty Patterson and retired Sgt. Harold D. and Mrs. Darlys Shelton coordinated the weekend.

The group arrived September 10, and enjoyed lunch together at Prison Brews. The afternoon was open time for them to explore as they wished. Then, it was supper at Madison's Cafe and a few

hours in the hotel hospitality room to visit and share memories.

"We used to stay up until 11:30 p.m. or midnight, but now 9:30 or 10 is it," laughed retired Sgt. Shelton.

This year, Joyce Cook put together a special book for the reunion. Inside was a copy of the telegram sent to prospective recruits, a letter explaining what to expect while in training, and a list of curriculum. There were copies of the class picture, first assignment articles, retirement articles, stories about previous reunions, and final tributes to those who are no longer with us.

Within its pages, a reader learns that on their bunks that first night, the men found a slapper, handcuffs and key, lanyard and whistle, two collar ornaments with instructions, service holster, belt buckle, two 3x5 leather bound notebooks, and a brown zipper notebook with their badge number on it. Anxiety, a room full of men, and the night train rumbling through made a sound sleep impossible that first night.

During the 10 weeks of training, the recruits were given one weekend and one Sunday off. Along with classes and studying, the recruits helped serve meals, mopped, and performed other cleaning duties. When they graduated,



*Members of the 25th Recruit Class enjoyed examining a Dodge Charger patrol car.*

they stood proud and tall ... and brought the number of members on the Patrol to 505.

"It was 10 weeks of hell," said retired Sgt. Larry D. Cooper. "But, I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

It seemed fitting for the class to hold its annual reunion at the Academy this year. On September 11, they came to the Academy for lunch. "It was a great lunch," said retired Sgt. Shelton, "with roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and salad bar. That's quite a meal for \$5."

Colonel Ron Replogle, Major Dale A. Schmidt, Q/SSB, Major Sandra K. Karsten, Q/TSB, and Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB, dropped by to visit with the group just after lunch. Each shared information about new technology at the Patrol. The colonel thanked the retirees



*(l to r) Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Cooper, Ret. Sgt. M. Rex Barnett, Ret. Sgt. Myron C. Garrett, Ret. Sgt. Harold D. Shelton, Ret. Sgt. William H. Patterson, Ret. Capt. David L. Cook, Ret. Capt. Shay E. East, and Ret. Tpr. Mickey D. Mason enjoyed the 1962 Recruit Class' 50th anniversary reunion.*



for their service, acknowledging their part of the Patrol's 81 years of tradition.

"It was nice of the colonel and his staff to come welcome us," said retired Sgt. Shelton. "It was very thoughtful."

It was during the staff visit that Col. Replogle invited the 25th Recruit Class to speak to the 95th Recruit Class.

When they spoke to the 95th Recruit Class, the main message was to be safe, enjoy their careers, and that they couldn't work for a better organization. Sprinkled into the conversation were words of wisdom like these:

"Have a good time," said retired Sgt. Cooper. "Do a good job, but have a good time."

"I wish you the best," said retired Sgt. Shelton. "You couldn't work for a better organization."

"You work with some magnificent people," said retired Capt. David L. Cook. "A number of them believe in God and aren't afraid to say so ... These people behind me [1962 Recruit Class] have been there for 50 years. No matter where we went, they were behind me."

"When Woody became ill and then died, support came to me from throughout the state," said Mrs. Rosella Aytes, widow of retired Sgt. Walter E. Aytes. "It meant a lot to me. Make sure you're friends with your zone mates. Make sure your wife knows theirs, and you do things together."

"It was a good time. This is a great organization. You'll enjoy yourselves. Be safe," said retired Sgt. Patterson.

After visiting with the 95th Recruit Class, the group went to the Safety Education Center, posed for some pictures, and took a look at a new Dodge Charger patrol car. Tpr. Christopher A. Winter, Troop F, brought his patrol vehicle, a Dodge Charger, by for the group to explore and to visit with them.

The group enjoyed their visit to General Headquarters and look forward to seeing one another again. Even after 50 years, the camaraderie is still evident; the "family ties" still strong. Next year, retired Sgt. Larry and Mrs. Marcia Cooper will be the hosts when the 25th Recruit Class gathers in Branson.

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## *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**James E. VanZandt**

Chief CVO  
Troop A

*Retired October 1, 2012.*

*33 years and nine months dedicated service.*

## **Looking Back ... in the Patrol News**

### **45 years ago**

*November 1967* — An architect's drawing showed the plans for the new Troop A Headquarters in Lee's Summit, MO.

### **35 years ago**

*December 1977* — The centerfold featured "A Salute To MVB." Forty-four Missouri State Highway Patrol employees took part in National Jogging Day. They jogged for a total of 88.6 miles.

### **25 years ago**

*November 1987* — Mr. Clarence Kelley, former director of the FBI, spoke at the fourth annual MULES Training Conference. The Communications Division's new "transportable emergency radio tower" was on the front and back covers. It cost \$21,000. The mobile tower extended 54 feet.

### **15 years ago**

*December 1997* — A story reported on an open house for the new satellite crime laboratory at Troop G, Willow Springs. The Troop A Supersite was under construction. An article about methamphetamine appeared in this issue.

### **5 years ago**

*November/December 2007* — Stories covered the Tour of Missouri bicycle race, Missouri troopers serving together in Baghdad, Iraq, and a new traffic safety campaign entitled, "I'm Saving Lives. Help Wanted." A story relating history of Otto-The Talking Car was included, also.

# Retirement

## Sgt. David L. Merrill



After 25 years of serving the citizens of Missouri, Sergeant David L. Merrill retired on September 1, 2012.

Sgt. Merrill started his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on August 3, 1986, as a member of the 58th Recruit Class. Upon graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to Troop H, Zone 2. On August 1, 1992, he was promoted to corporal in Troop H, Zone 2. On August 1, 1997, he transferred to General Headquarters Division of Drug and Crime Control, where he was assigned to the criminal unit in Troop H. On February 1, 2001, he was promoted to sergeant. He remained a criminal investigator until his retirement.

On May 24, 2005, Sgt. Merrill was one of five Missouri law enforcement officers to accept a Law Enforcement Officer(s) Of The Year award from the National Center for Missing and

Exploited Children. The recognition came due to his work on a high profile murder investigation that gained national attention. The case involved Bobbie Jo Stinnett, who was murdered and whose unborn baby was then taken. President George Bush met with the officers personally to recognize them for solving the case and returning the baby to the family as the nation watched.

Even though Sgt. Merrill has retired from the Patrol, he continues to work in law enforcement. He is a sergeant with Northwest Missouri State University Police Department. Congratulations on your retirement, Sgt. Merrill! You will be missed by your friends at the Patrol.

## Lab Employees: Pretty In Pink

*By Criminal Sprv. Pamela M. Johnson, Q/CLD*



After several years of fighting breast cancer, Florence Krudwig lost her battle in 2012. Florence is Criminalist III Diane L. Higgins' mother. As a show of support and to honor Florence, the staff of Patrol's Crime Laboratory in Cape Girardeau sponsored a team to run in the American Cancer Society's 4th Annual Pretty In Pink 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, October 20, 2012. The staff designed special shirts and wore them for the race. They also provided complimentary shirts to Diane, her husband, Mike, and their children, Jacob and Sarah.

*The following group took part in the Pretty In Pink 5K Walk/Run: (l to r, kneeling) Criminalist III Joanna D. Sides, Miss Sophie Sides; (l to r, standing) Criminalist II Lindsay M. Lambert, Mr. Jacob R. Higgins, Criminalist III Diane Higgins, Criminalist Sprv. Pamela M. Johnson, Laboratory Evid. Tech. II Rhonda L. Zeilinger, Criminalist III Emily N. Smelser, Criminalist I Kristina M. Joy, Criminalist II Justin M. Owens, Ms. Haylee Hunt (friend).*



# Memorial Golf Tournament Honors Tpr. Fred Guthrie

*By Sgt. Douglas J. Hedrick, Troop A*

A year ago, in January 2012, Mr. Mike Fisher, a former teacher and high school football coach of now retired Sergeant Michael J. Noellsch, was traveling on Interstate 29 when he was passed by a Missouri State Highway Patrol Tahoe at a high rate of speed. Mr. Fisher later learned that the trooper driving the Tahoe had been en route to Missouri Highway 116, where Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr.'s body had been found that day. Mr. Fisher wanted to do something for Tpr. Guthrie's family, so he called his former student and "football star", and they discussed the idea of having a benefit golf tournament.

The idea took off, and on September 29, 2012, the Trooper Fred Guthrie Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament took place in Platte City, MO, at the Shiloh Spring's Golf Course. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Jeff Horseman, Fred's very close friend, coordinated the tournament. The event was very successful thanks

to many Patrol employees who volunteered their service and time. Over \$2,000 in donated prizes and gifts were given out to the golf participants, and \$6,000 was raised for the Guthrie family.

The tournament was highlighted by a chance to win a 2012 "Fat Bob" Harley Davidson motorcycle on the par three, 12<sup>th</sup> hole. The hole was sponsored by Worth Harley Davidson, owned by Mr. Rick Worth. Mr. Worth and Worth Harley Davidson served as the tournament's corporate sponsor. (In fact, Mr. Chris Geren, the general manager for Worth

Harley Davidson, nearly holed out—coming to within a foot.) Mr. Worth was presented a plaque for his generous support and sponsorship for the Trooper Fred Guthrie Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament. Lieutenant Mark D. Harwell, Lieutenant Scott A. Shipers, Retired Sergeant Larry M. Bodehammer, Sgt. Noellsch, Kansas City Police Officer Corey Horalek, Sergeant D.

Scott Nace, Trooper R. Mike Malone, and myself also served on the committee organizing the event.



*Ms. Mallory Fisher, daughter of Mr. Mike Fisher, is pictured with the 2012 Fat Bob Harley Davidson motorcycle, which served as the hole-in-one prize for the Tpr. Fred Guthrie Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament.*



*Troop A Lieutenant Scott A. Shipers (center) presents a corporate sponsor plaque to Mr. Rick Worth, owner of Worth Harley Davidson. Sergeant Richard C. Fletcher (left), Troop A, and the company's General Manager Chris Geren are also pictured.*

# 'Looking Beyond The Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of August 26 to October 26, 2012. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

## **Troop A**

Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. Crump, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.E. Fessenden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 3 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Gray, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 3 arrests  
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.S. Kutzner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.D. Mathes, 3 arrests  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.N. Morey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.E. Oetting, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.M. Parker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 3 arrests  
Tpr. S.R. Schapp, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.A. Schmutzler, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.M. Toal, 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.R. Vivas, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 2 arrests

## **Troop B**

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 3 arrests  
Cpl. R.H. Bartels, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.M. Behrens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.J. Glover, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Sgt. G.K. Leftwich, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 3 arrests  
Cpl. K.C. Morris, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.D. Primm, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 2 arrests

## **Troop C**

Tpr. K.L. Aslin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.G. Autenrieth, 1 arrest

Tpr. B.M. Beard, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.D. Bengston, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.A. Bowles Jr., 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 4 arrests  
Tpr. T.H. Elliston, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.L. Gibson, 4 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.L. Peters, 2 arrests  
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Summers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Thompson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.L. Woods, 1 arrest

## **Troop D**

Tpr. T.A. Bible, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.T. Curnes, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.T. Day, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.K. Funderburk, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.W. Schafer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.B. Ward, 3 arrests

## **Troop E**

Tpr. R.B. Arnold, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.B. Christian, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Crank, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.M. Heath Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Lacey, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 3 arrests  
Sgt. R.J. Sanders, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.M. Spain, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. West, 7 arrests  
Sgt. J.M. Weadon, 1 arrest

## **Troop F**

Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 7 arrests  
Tpr. B.A. Forsythe, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.J. Graf, 3 arrests

Cpl. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.T. Halford, 7 arrests  
Tpr. D.R. Haslag, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.B. Johnson, 5 arrests  
Sgt. A.J. Mattox, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Richardson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.H. Salmons, 3 arrests  
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 5 arrests  
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 1 arrest

## **Troop G**

Sgt. J.S. Brumble, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.S. Elliott, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Foster, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Kimes, 5 arrests  
Tpr. J.C. Kuessner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Odle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Piccinino, 2 arrests  
Cpl. T.A. Richardson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Roberts, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.R. Wells, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.E. Young, 2 arrests

## **Troop H**

Tpr. J.C. Acree, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Cross, 3 arrests  
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 2 arrests  
Sgt. M.A. Wilhoit, 2 arrests

## **Troop I**

Tpr. D. Blankenship, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.K. Eden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.M. Stauffer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 4 arrests



# Deaths

## Donald W. Ancell



Donald W. Ancell, 72, of Huntsville, MO, died Tuesday morning, September 11, 2012, at Landmark Hospital in Columbia. He had been in failing health. Don was born November 13, 1939, in Middle Grove, MO, to Thomas Arthur Sr. and Mary Lee (Epperly) Ancell.

Don served in the U.S. Army, receiving an honorable discharge in 1967. He then worked for the railroad before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Don retired at the rank of sergeant in 1994. He was elected Randolph County Sheriff in 1996, and served until 2004. He was a member of the Missouri National Guard and the Higbee United Methodist Church.

Don married Peggy Rogers on September 6, 1961, in Higbee, MO, and she survives. Also surviving are two sons: Cliff Ancell (and his wife, Linda), of Huntsville, MO, and Gregory Don Ancell, of Huntsville; two grandchildren, Daniel Wayne Ancell, of Wentzville, MO, and Tabitha Brooke Ancell of Florissant, MO; a great-grandson, Collin (Cole) Ancell, of Wentzville and Moberly, MO; a brother, Carl Clifford Ancell (and his wife, Brenda), of Macon, MO; nieces; nephews; a special cousin, Jesse Jo Ancell, of Moberly; other relatives; and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Christopher Michael Ancell; and two brothers, Thomas A. Ancell Jr. and George Ancell.

Memorial contributions to the Moberly Community Kitchen are suggested.

A service took place September 14, at Cater Funeral Home Chapel, with committal prayers and military honors at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Jacksonvillle, MO.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Ancell family.

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## Lyle J. Seelinger



Lyle J. Seelinger, 68, of Pleasant Hill, MO, was born Saturday, March 11, 1944, in Butler, MO, the son of Lyle R. and Mildred C. (Verguson) Seelinger. He departed this life at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012 at the St. Joseph Medical Center, Kansas City, with his wife, Marianne, by his side.

Lyle was a 1962 Butler High School Graduate. He was a United States Navy Vietnam War veteran. On September 17, 1967, he was united in marriage to Marianne Veach in Lone Jack, MO. They were an inseparable duo from then on—wherever one went the other followed, faithfully supporting each other's endeavors.

Lyle was employed as a radio and telecommunications technician for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and retired in 1996. He was an active and faithful member of the Lone Jack Christian Church where he served as an elder. His hobbies included woodworking, gardening, crafting, and wine making.

Lyle's passion for serving his fellow veterans led him down a long and dynamic path with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a former member and past commander of the VFW Post #3118 in Pleasant Hill, MO; current member of VFW Post #2513 and American Legion Post #131 in Warrensburg, MO; was past 6th District Commander; former state surgeon; former junior vice commander and current senior vice commander of the state of Missouri; and was current certified national recruiter. Lyle served in numerous other post, district, state, and national VFW positions.

Perhaps his service to his fellow veterans can be summed up with the following quote:

"It's a sad day for all veterans, as we have lost one of the best veteran advocates who ever served. I don't know of anyone who was more selfless in serving the needs of our veterans and active duty military. He truly loved his mission and pursued it with enthusiasm and dedication. We'll miss you, brother ..." —Richard Jacobs, past commander, 6th District.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Seelinger, one sister, Myrna Smith, and his in-laws, Max and Blanche Underwood, who died earlier this year.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Marianne, of the home; two brothers, Larry Seelinger (and his wife, Elzora), of Pleasant Hill, MO, and Gerald Seelinger (and his wife, Patty), of Warrensburg, MO; his sister, Roma Welch (and her husband, LaVerne), of Adrian, MO; other relatives; and a host of friends.

Funeral services took place on Monday, September 24, 2012, at the Stanley-Dickey Funeral Home. Reverend Michael Stephens of the United Church of Christ, Raytown, MO, officiated. Graveside military services and interment occurred in the Strasburg Cemetery with full military honors by the Warrensburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2513 and American Legion

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Post #131 Honor Guards. Casket bearers were members of both posts. Honorary casket bearers are Kent Adkins, Tim Flagler, Harold Hackler, Robert Lyons, and Wayne Miller.

Memorial contributions in Lyle's memory are suggested to the Veteran's Service Officer Fund and may be sent in care of the funeral home.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Seelinger family.

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## H. Ed Lugenbell



H. Ed "Bear" Lugenbell, 74, of Branson, died on October 16, 2012. He was born to Harry and Macie (Hoover) Lugenbell on March 26, 1938, in Hollister, MO. Ed was a veteran of the United States Air Force. After his service to this nation, he began a career as a commercial motor vehicle inspector with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He worked in that capacity until October 15, 1965, when he joined the 29th Recruit Class at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy. He faithfully served as a state trooper until his retirement on April 1, 1993. Ed loved to fish and he loved the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marien. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Rae (Blevins) Lugenbell; two sons, Steven

Edward Lugenbell and Dennis Ray Lugenbell; a daughter, Beth Ann David; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother, Alfred, of Sacramento, CA; two sisters, June Roberts, of Springfield, MO, and Sharon McGinnis, of Billings, MO.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Lugenbell family.

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## James M. Happy



James M. Happy Sr., 82, of Lee's Summit, MO, died on October 21, 2012.

James was born on January 30, 1930, in Hardin, MO. He graduated from Hardin Central in 1948, and from William Jewell College in 1953. He married Eva Kathryn Black on March 6, 1953. James served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He enjoyed coaching and teaching history at Westin High School.

James worked for 20 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol first as a member and later as a telecommunicator. He entered the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on July 3, 1960. He would work in Johnson County and Jackson County before becoming the safety officer for Troop A. He is remembered for his public service announcements on the radio, which ended with, "This is Sergeant Jim Happy of the Missouri State Highway Patrol." He served and protected the citizens of Missouri for 18 years before starting a

career as head of security for AT&T in 1978. In 1994, after retiring from AT&T, James returned to Troop A, Lee's Summit, as a telecommunicator. He retired from the Patrol on April 30 1996. James enjoyed his retirement.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse T. and Emily Happy, and wife, Eva Kathryn Happy.

Survivors include: his sisters, June Richards and Judy Norris; sons, James M. Happy Jr. and Brian Patterson; grandsons, Christian Jesse Happy and Darren Dwayne Happy; a granddaughter, Amanda Joy Happy; four great-grandchildren, Eva Ann, Hayden, Georgan, and Anna; and a niece, Emily Gunter.

A graveside service took place on October 25 at the Hardin Cemetery in Hardin, MO. Langsford Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Happy family.

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## Charles O. Floyd Jr.



Charles O. Floyd Jr., 81, of Jefferson City, MO, died on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at his home. He was born on July 26, 1931 in Omaha, NE, the son of Charles O. Floyd Sr. and Eleanor Kathryn (Hansen) Floyd, both deceased.

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He was united in marriage to Nancy Kay Norman on February 2, 1958 in Lancaster, MO. She survives. Additional survivors include their children, Jay Charles Floyd and John Gilbert Floyd (and his wife, Paulett); their grandchildren, Benjamin, Christen, and Seth (and his wife, Juanita); a brother-in-law, Eddie Clark Norman; a sister-in-law, Becky Faye Weaver; nieces; and nephews. His parents and a sister, Betty Lou (Floyd) Lange, preceded him in death.

Charles was a 1949 graduate of Lancaster High School. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served as a radio/telegraph operator who monitored the Russians by Morse Code both in Germany and Austria. After his Air Force service, he enrolled in engineering school at Washington University in St. Louis, while working the night shift for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired as the director of the Radio Division after 35 years of dedicated service.

Growing up, Charles was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lancaster. He was a current member of the First Christian Church in Jefferson City, where he served as a deacon and usher for many years until illness precluded his assistance. He was a 50-year-plus member of Glenwood Lodge No. 427 and the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Missouri; a 33rd degree member of the Scottish of Free Masonry, Southern Jurisdiction USA, Valley of St. Louis, Orient of Missouri; a member of the FCC (Federal Communications Commission); past member of NLETS (National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System); past member of Meadow Lake Acres Country Club; and a former member of organizations too numerous to mention, such as Radio Club of America, American Legion, etc.

Graveside services were held October 25, 2012 at the Arni Memorial Cemetery in Lancaster, with Pastor

Leanna vanZandt officiating.

In her eulogy, his wife, Nancy, spoke from the heart. "Charles moved from Moulton Iowa to Lancaster, MO, when he was in the fifth grade. He attended the Methodist Church where he loved to occasionally play his trumpet, as well as quite often playing "taps" at the gravesite of any deceased before burial. His dad taught him the 23rd Psalm when he was only six years old. Charles grew up working hard—he had a newspaper route, worked for the MFA grocery store, washed and shined cars for Paul Beeler Motors, and various other menial jobs."

"I was in the fifth grade when Charles graduated from high school, and didn't know him at all. But, he said he remembered me. He had worked at the Patrol for five years before we met on a blind date arranged by his best friend, Joe Kearse, and his wonderful wife, Martha. I was smitten by his presence when we were together. He was very attentive to me and loved my family and I loved his, so we tied the knot. It was a good marriage, long and

happy, but we often reminded each other that nothing lasts forever, except love."

"We fully intended to move back to Lancaster upon his retirement, but, unfortunately, that didn't work out. He continued to work very hard and was transferred many times while within the Highway Patrol's Radio Division, finishing as the director of communications at GHQ in Jefferson City. I never knew anyone more dedicated to his work than he was. He told me he never met a trooper he didn't like. And, the Radio Division employees were most dear to his heart as well. According to him, they were all the best. I concurred with his opinion."

"It was always most difficult for Charles to lose good friends and beloved family as they passed on to eternity. He missed them, and we'll miss him. But, eternity is God's plan for all of us. Well, there's lots more I could relate about Charles Floyd, his integrity and high standards of living, but

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## ~ Thank You ~

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Missouri State Highway Patrol luncheon on August 17, 2012, in Lee's Summit, MO. It was great seeing everyone, and I hope to see everyone again in August 2013. I would like to offer special thanks to those serving on the committee, who made this event possible and such a huge success. Thank you retired DE Chief Fount Foushee, Mrs. Betty Kerrick, retired Colonel Fred M. Mills, and our emcee, retired Sgt. Fred Sur-off!

*Sincerely,  
Ret. DE Sprv. II Ruby P. Williams*

On behalf of my family, I would like to say thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and e-mails of support following the death of my grandfather, John J. Spraul. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.

*Cpl. Matthew E. Morice, Troop F*

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On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, condolences, and e-mails during the illness and death of my mother. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will not be forgotten.

*Comm. Oper. II Gregory L. Hill,  
Troop E*

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Charles preferred brief rhetoric. To each one of you here today, we thank you so much for your kindness in taking time out to come—Charles would be very appreciative, to say the least.”

The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of donor’s choice. Arrangements were under the direction of the Norman Funeral Home in Lancaster.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Floyd family.

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## Major Albert F. “Slim” Closson



Major Albert F. “Slim” Closson, 93, of Jefferson City, MO, died on Saturday, October 27, 2012, at St. Joseph’s Bluff.

Slim was born February 9, 1919 in Keytesville, MO, the son of James R. and Mary L. (Knouse) Closson. He was married on May 1, 1948 in Independence, MO, to Doris M. Birgee, who preceded him in death on October 9, 2010.

He served in the United States Army during World War II in North Africa and Europe for which he was awarded two bronze stars. Slim was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 34 years retiring as

a major in 1979.

Survivors include: three daughters, Karen Kay Closson, of Jefferson City, Shirley Mueller, of Eureka, MO, and Betty Morrison (and her husband, Travis), of Jefferson City; one son, James E. Closson (and his wife, Ginny), of Marshall, MO; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one son, Robert John Closson; six brothers; and eight sisters.

Private graveside services and entombment were conducted in the mausoleum of Hawthorn Memorial Gardens in Jefferson City. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

Memorial contributions are suggested to The MASTERS, 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Closson family.

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## George O. Turpin



George O. Turpin, 91, of Macon, MO, died on Saturday, November 24, 2012, at Loch Haven Nursing Home in Macon. George was born on March 30, 1921, in Chariton County, MO, the son of Jack and Lillie (Jackson) Turpin. George was united in marriage to Margaret Chappellear on November

19, 1945, in Greenville, SC.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1942-1945, serving in Central Europe, Ardennes, Rhineland, Northern France, and Normandy. He was awarded five Bronze Stars for the campaigns listed and also received the Good Conduct Medal. He retired in 1979, after working as a weight inspector for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 28 years.

George was a member of the American Legion Post 29 in Macon, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, telling stories, and especially spending time with his family.

George is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Macon; two grandsons, Bret Barnes, of Omaha, NE, and Blake Barnes (and his wife, Melissa), of Huntsville, MO; two great-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; several brothers; one sister; one son-in-law, Dr. Jim Barnes, of Santa Fe, NM; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one daughter, Carolyn L. Barnes (on May 24, 2004). Funeral services for George took place Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at the Hutton & McElwain Funeral Home in Macon, with Brother Jim Bolin officiating. Burial with full military honors occurred in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens north of Macon. The family suggests memorials to the American Legion Post 29 in Macon.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Turpin family.

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## January

**January 1**

**January 18**

**January 21**

● **New Year’s Day**

● **Tpr. K.L. Poynter** died in 2002.

● **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



# Deaths

## John H. Hilker



John H. Hilker, 75, of Jefferson City, died on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at Heisinger Bluffs.

John was born on December 18, 1936 in St. Louis, the son of John R. and Marie N. (Mueller) Hilker. He was married on July 24, 1959 in St. Louis, to Mary Jo Huyck.

John graduated from Cleveland High School in south St. Louis and

attended Washington University in St. Louis where he studied architecture. He served in the United States Army from November 1958 until May 1959 and in the United States Army Reserves until 1966.

John was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for over 30 years, retiring as a sergeant in 1996. John worked in the Governor's Security Division within the Patrol starting in 1980, and helped protect four different Missouri governors.

He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church; the American Legion, Roscoe Enloe Post 5; and a past member of the Optimist Club. John was an avid model ship builder and also enjoyed time in his garden. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include: his wife of 53 years, Mary Jo Hilker; one daughter, Elizabeth Stecz, and her husband, Matt, of Florissant, MO; one son, Ken-

neth Hilker, and his wife, Dr. Erica Sibinga, of Baltimore, MD; and four granddaughters, Nicole Stecz, Stephanie Stecz, Lauren Stecz, and Dora Hilker.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service was conducted on Monday, November 12, 2012, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with the Reverend Scott Musselman officiating. Graveside services and interment with military honors took place at Riverview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to The MASTERS, 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901. Freeman Mortuary handled the funeral arrangements.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Hilker family.

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## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

CVO Sprv. II Michael L. Frerer (D) - mother  
DE III Shirley A. Frerer (D) - mother-in-law  
Lt. Steven J. Frisbie (Q/CJISD) - nephew  
Ret. Capt. James E. Marlin - father  
Tpr. J. Clayton Marlin (I) - grandfather  
Leasing/Contract Coord. Lisa C. Luecke (Q/DED) - father  
CIT III Amanda E. Libbert (Q/ICTD) - grandfather  
Ret. Prog./Analyst Mgr. Eileen R. Brune - father-in-law  
Tpr. Dewey K. Heppe (E) - wife  
Tpr. Joseph A. Veasman (Q/GD) - mother  
CVO II Robert L. Morgan (D) - father-in-law  
Clerk Typist III S. Michelle Gabelsberger (F) - grandmother

Tpr. Philip B. Grubaugh (B) - grandfather  
Ret. Lt. Larry G. Drunert - mother  
CVE Inspector II Teresa A. Davidson (H) - mother  
Ret. Sgt. Donald L. Wilson - wife  
Lt. Julie A. Kerr (Q/HRD) - father  
Tpr. Brandon P. Mills (C) - brother-in-law  
Comm. Oper. II Samuel Rayfield (I) - father  
DE III Anne M. Rayfield (I) - father-in-law  
CIT III James R. Eggen (Q/ICTD) - father  
Cpl. Matthew E. Morice (F) - grandfather  
Lt. Elvin A. Seals (C) - father  
Ret. Cpl. Ronald C. Keck - mother  
CVE Inspector III David W. Norman (A) - father

Ret. Sgt. Larry L. Lawyer - wife  
Tech. Support Mgr. Patrick J. Woods (Q/CJISD) - grandmother-in-law  
Tpr. Eric F. Brown (B) - brother-in-law  
Comm. Oper. II Gregory L. Hill - Stepmother  
Ret. Data Processing Spec. II Gerald L. Lovell - wife  
CVE Inspector Sprv. II Harold D. Crowley (A) - father  
Comm. Oper. I Malia N. Cannaday (E) - grandfather  
Cpl. Bret E. Brooks (Q/GSD) - grandmother  
CDL Exam. Jennifer C. Ward (E) - grandfather  
Tpr. Kindel C. Ward (E) - grandfather-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. James E. Closson - father

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# Give The Gift Of Life!

## Blood Drive Exceeds Goal

*By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

The 19th Annual Corporal Michael E. Webster Memorial Blood Drive took place October 2, 2012 at Troop A Headquarters. The blood drive is an annual event held to raise awareness about the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Cpl. Michael E. Webster was killed on October 2, 1993 by a drunk driver while standing next to a vehicle he had stopped for a traffic violation. The Patrol, along with the Community Blood Center of Kansas City, hosts the blood drive. Blood is an essential element,

which may help to save someone's life that has been involved in a traffic crash.

Someone is killed or injured in an alcohol-related crash every two hours in Missouri. Alcohol was involved in 25 percent of all fatal crashes during 2011. Drunk drivers killed 205 persons and injured 4,107 in traffic crashes involving alcohol last year.

Thank you to everyone who donated during the Troop A blood drive. Troop A employees and the citizens we serve exceeded the goal of 25 donors.



*Sgt. Clark N. Stratton, Housekeeper II Teresa L. Darrah, Sgt. Collin Stosberg, and Lt. Brian T. Deshler, all Troop A, take part in the 19th Annual Cpl. Michael E. Webster Memorial Blood Drive.*